REMARKS

The proposed amendments are made in response to the Notice of Non-Compliance dated May 23, 2003. Applicant would like to bring to Examiner's attention that original amendments were submitted on January 11, 2001 when the application was filed. At the time, the amendments were in a proper format. Moreover, to no fault of the Applicant, the application went abandoned and was subsequently reinstated. Although as mentioned above, the amendments were proper when submitted, Applicant resubmits the amendments to comply with the most recent rules for submission of amendments. Additionally, the Applicant has petitioned the USPTO to reinstate the original filing date.

The amendments are made to the Corrected English translation of the specification filed with the International Bureau of WIPO on July 14, 2000 (and originally submitted to the USPTO on January 11, 2001). The manner of amendment is pursuant to Revised Format announced in the Official Gazette on February 25, 2003. The proposed changes are intended to place the present application in form acceptable to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and to eliminate any indefiniteness that may exist in the aforesaid translated version. Applicant respectfully submits that the requested amendments do not add any new matter to the present application.

Applicant believes no fees are due with the filing of this Amendment. However, in the event a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Order Account No. 13-0235.

Respectfully submitted,

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